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SUBJ: BORDEAUX-TOULOUSE DELEGATION ON CONCORDE

TO: MR. WILLIAM J. RONAN, CHAIRMAN
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DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN:
I HAVE TODAY RECEIVED A DELEGATION OF FRENCH
CITIZENS WHO PRESENTED ME WITH THE RESULTS OF A
POPULAR CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED IN SOUTHWEST FRANCE LESS
THAN TWO WEEKS AGO IN SUPPORT OF CONCORDE. THE
CAMPAIGN WAS SPONSORED BY NEWSPAPERS IN BORDEAUX AND
TOULOUSE AND THE PRIVATE COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE
OF CONCORDE. I AM INFORMED THAT A SIMILAR
CAMPAIGN WAS LAUNCHED AT BRISTOL IN THE UNITED
KINGDOM. THE AIM, OF COURSE, IN ADVANCE OF THE
PORT AUTHORITY'S DECISION ON WHETHER CONCORDE SHALL
BE AUTHORIZED TO SERVE KENNEDY AIRPORT, WAS TO
DEMONSTRATE DRAMATICALLY THE DEGREE OF POPULAR
SUPPORT FOR CONCORDE ESPECIALLY IN THAT REGION OF
FRANCE WHERE THE AIRCRAFT IS BUILT. THE THEME
OF THE CAMPAIGN WAS: "LET IT LAND."

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A TOTAL OF 113,568 RESPONSES FROM FRENCH
CITIZENS WAS RECEIVED. I AM SURE THAT YOU WILL
AGREE THAT THIS IS AN ESPECIALLY IMPRESSIVE
MEASURE OF POPULAR SUPPORT FROM THE PEOPLE OF A
REGION FOR WHICH CONCORDE IS NOT ONLY A SOURCE
OF PRIDE BUT A PRODUCT OF THEIR TECHNOLOGY AND A
SOURCE OF JOBS FOR MANY OF THEM.

IN RECEIVING THE DELEGATION I TOOK PAINS TO POINT
OUT THAT THE DECISION IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
NEW YORK AUTHORITIES AND NOT THAT OF THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT. HOWEVER, BEING IN FRANCE THE AMBASSADOR
OF ALL THE STATES OF OUR UNION, I READILY ASSENTED
TO BEING THE INSTRUMENT WHEREBY THE DELEGATION
COULD CONVEY TO YOU THE RESULTS OF THEIR CAMPAIGN,
WHICH THEY WERE UNDERSTANDABLY ANXIOUS TO HAVE
BROUGHT PROMPTLY TO YOUR ATTENTION. THE AFFIDAVIT
WHICH THE DELEGATION PRESENTED ME ATTESTING TO THE
NUMBER OF RESPONSES RECEIVED IS TODAY BEING
FORWARDED TO YOU UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

SINCERELY,

KENNETH D. RUSH

UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

AMERICAN EMBASSY

PARIS, FRANCE

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